



## Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

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To the Applicant:

Attached to this letter is an application packet for the Urban Flight and Rural Needs Scholarship Program. This program provides scholarships to eligible students who enter a teacher education program and make a commitment to teach as a condition of receiving such scholarship. The scholarship covers the total cost of eligible students' tuition and fees up to four years, at a four-year college or university located in Missouri. Reimbursement of tuition will be made at the appropriate undergraduate rate, for the attending institution. The maximum tuition rate is based on the University of Missouri's rate which varies annually.

Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Be a United States citizen,
- Be a resident of Missouri,
- Be a high school senior, a college freshman or sophomore, or returning adult student at a community college or at a four-year college or university in Missouri, or
- Be an individual who has graduated from a Missouri high school with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a four-point scale or equivalent, or
- Be an individual who has completed 30 college hours and has a cumulative grade point average of 2.5, or
- Be an individual with a baccalaureate degree and has a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 who is returning to an approved teacher education program.

To apply, follow the steps listed below:

1. Obtain an application from your high school counselor or the financial aid office of a Missouri community college or four-year college or university.
2. Submit your application to the Urban Flight and Rural Needs Scholarship Program. **Your application must be postmarked by April 15, 2008.** Incomplete applications will not be considered for the scholarship.
3. Attach all official transcripts with the cumulative grade point average highlighted.
4. Submit a student financial aid statement to the Urban Flight and Rural Needs Scholarship Program along with the application.

The information that you provide to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will be reviewed. During the review process, attention is focused on academic performance and financial need.

Recipients chosen to receive the Urban Flight and Rural Needs Scholarship will be notified during the month of May, pending an approved state budget. Recipients of this award must enroll

fulltime in an approved four-year teacher education program. While in college the recipient must keep the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education informed as to your current status as a student in a teacher education program. After graduation, you are required to keep the Department informed of your status as a teacher in Missouri public schools for the required eight-year period.

**Urban Flight and Rural Needs Scholarship recipients who do not complete a teacher education program or do not fulfill the eight-year teaching requirement, the scholarship converts to a loan and must be repaid. The obligation for repayment is reduced by one-eighth for each year of teaching experience in an appropriate school.**

Use the checklist at the bottom of the page to ensure that your application is complete. Send applications to:

Urban Flight and Rural Needs Scholarship Program  
Teacher Quality and Urban Education  
P.O. Box 480  
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480

Questions concerning the Urban Flight and Rural Needs Scholarship Program can be directed to your school counselor. You may also contact Rosalyn Wieberg at 573-751-1191 or email [Rosalyn.Wieberg@dese.mo.gov](mailto:Rosalyn.Wieberg@dese.mo.gov).

Sincerely,



Rosalyn Wieberg, Assistant Director  
Educator Recruitment and Retention

**Information listed below must be included with your application to be considered for selection:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed application form postmarked no later than April 15, 2008
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attach all official transcripts with **highlighted** cumulative grade point average
- \_\_\_\_\_ Submit a student financial aid statement

Attachments